

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: ackrar

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900573.002

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 28 July 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 23 July 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a sexualised image of a teenage boy touching his penis for the camera. It is classified objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The image can only be for the titillation and arousal of those with a prurient interest in teenage boys, and its availability legitimises and encourages such an interest. As a digital image the publication can be shared widely among like-minded individuals. This classification is contrary to the right to freedom of expression under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but is consistent with Parliament's clear intention that publications that fall under s 3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed objectionable.